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ANNUAL REPORT

on

Vital Statistics and Sanitary Condition

of the

New Forest Rural District

for the Year 1942

Submitted to the Rural District Council

by

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NEW FOREST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1942.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report on the Sanitary Conditions of the New Forest Rural District for the year ending December 31st, 1942.

As suggested by the Ministry of Health Circular No. 2067, it is again an interim report, and only deals with essential and urgent matter.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres)	...	...	94,957
Estimate of Resident Population	...	...	40,010
Estimated number of inhabited houses (end of 1942)	...	...	11,500
Rateable Value	...	...	£250,936
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	£1,011

Extract from Vital Statistics of the Year.

Live Births :	Total.	M.	F.	
Legitimate	717	361	356	Birth rate per 1,000
Illegitimate	47	21	26	of the estimated resident population 19.09
Stillbirths	18	9	9	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 23.01
Deaths	436	225	211	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 10.89
Birth rate for England and Wales		...	...	15.8
Death rate for England and Wales		...	...	11.6
Deaths from Puerperal causes :				
Puerperal sepsis		...	...	0
Other Puerperal diseases		...	...	0
				—
				Death Rate 0

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—		
All infants per 1,000 live births	...	49.73
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	...	48.81
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	...	63.81
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	67
,, Measles (all ages)	...	1
,, Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	1
,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	3

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

G. Habgood, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health (part-time).

Sanitary Inspectors.

W. B. Prior, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Cert. S.I.B., Acting Senior Sanitary Inspector.

W. F. Weller, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Cert. S.I.B., Temporary Additional Sanitary Inspector.

E. H. J. Clarke, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Cert. S.I.B., Temporary Additional Sanitary Inspector (employed full time on Salvage and House Refuse Collection).

Mr. Prior holds the Sanitary Inspector's Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board ; and also the Meat and Food Inspector's Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

Mr. Weller holds the Sanitary Inspector's Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board.

Mr. Clarke holds the Sanitary Inspector's Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board.

Laboratory Facilities.

Continue as in previous years, for all purposes, at the County Council Laboratories.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Ante-natal Clinics have been provided by the County Council at Totton and Lyndhurst.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres at :—

Brockenhurst.	Marchwood.
Copythorne.	Totton.
East Boldre.	Hythe.
Fawley.	Lyndhurst.

Consultations only at these centres. They are supported by voluntary contributions, with help from the County Council.

Day Nurseries— School Clinics— Orthopaedic— Artificial Light—	} These services are under the control of the County Council.
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Tuberculosis Dispensaries :—Totton, 77, Rumbridge Street, provided by the County Council.

Venereal Clinic :—Outside the District in Southampton, provided by the County Council.

Scabies Clinics :—Totton and Hythe. Patients residing on the boundary near Lymington are treated by the Borough of Lymington. An arrangement has been made with the Borough Council.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water.

Fifteen samples were taken during the year, 1 was found to be fit and 14 unfit.

In two instances the premises were connected to the main water supply ; three wells were thoroughly cleansed ; two samples were trial samples of stream water, and in 7 cases satisfactory alternative supplies were available.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Summary of Inspections Made.

Nature of Inspections.	No. made.
Infectious Diseases	122
Nuisances	843
Water Supply	363
Housing	159
Retail Meat and Food Shops	706
Meat at Cottage Premises	14
Milk and Dairies	231
Milk Samples	37
Factories	79
Moveable Dwellings	16
Refuse Collection and Disposal	301
Verminous Premises	16
Fishmongers and Poulterers	179
Rats and Mice	13
Public Conveniences	49
Scabies	95
Miscellaneous	81
Total	3,304

Miscellaneous Work.

Rooms fumigated	...	...	...	59
Premises disinfested	...	...	...	6
Interviews with owners, etc.	...	...	...	90

Sanitary Improvements Effected.

Overflowing cesspools emptied	...	...	32
Defective water closets repaired	...	...	9
Defective rain water pipes repaired	...	...	1
Choked drains cleaned	...	...	17
Defective drains repaired	...	...	6
Defective drains taken up and new systems laid down			2
Defective cesspools and drainage systems, connected to main sewer	...	...	14
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	4
Defective ceilings repaired	...	...	2
Defective roofs repaired	...	...	3
Defective floors taken up and new floors laid down			6

Factories.

Inspections.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspect- ions.	Written Notices.	Occ'p'rs. Prosctd.
Factories with mechanical power	65	3	Nil.
Factories without mechanical power	14	—	Nil.
Total	79	3	Nil.

Defects Found.

Particulars.	Number of Defects.				
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	Defects entailing Prosecution.	
Want of cleanliness	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :—					
Insufficient	3	3	—	—	—
Unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—	—
Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences...	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	5	5	—	—	—

Milk : Dairies and Cowsheds.

Number of Registered Cowkeepers ...	...	...	317
„ Retailers who are not producers ...	...	...	13
„ “Tuberculin Tested” producers ...	...	...	10
„ “Accredited” producers ...	...	...	19

Inspections Made.

Number.	Defects Found.		Remedied	Defects Outstanding.
	From 1941	1942		
231	0	12	11	1

Meat and other Foods.

Number of inspections at Food Shops... 899

Food Inspected.

103	...	Bovines.	2,389	tins	...	Meat.
48	...	Calves.	160	tins	...	Fish.
1,082	...	Sheep.	58	tins	...	Fruit.
40	...	Pigs.	89	tins	...	Vegetables.
1	...	Goat.	2,193	tins	...	Milk.

178-lbs. apples, 29 bars chocolate, 72-lbs. tea, 119 tins biscuits, 12 tins beef cubes, 19 tins soup, 150-lbs. sugar, 4 tins jam, 5-lbs. cake, 89-lbs. bacon, 96-lbs. butter, 102-lbs. cheese, 52-lbs. margarine.

Food Condemned.

189-lbs. beef	...	Bone taint.
12-lbs. beef	...	Decomposition.
6-lbs. bovine liver	...	Cirrhosis.
18-lbs. beef	...	Bruising.
1 bovine head and tongue	...	Tuberculosis.
1 sheep's pluck	...	Abscesses.
20-lbs. pork	...	Bruising.
130 tins meat	...	Decomposition.
97 tins fish	...	Decomposition.
32 tins fruit	...	Decomposition.
52 tins vegetables	...	Decomposition.
63 tins milk	...	Decomposition.

101-lbs. apples, 4-lbs. tea, 48 beef cubes, 89-lbs. bacon, 90-lbs. cheese, 4 tins soup, 2 tins jam, 84-lbs. butter, 32-lbs. margarine, 29 bars chocolate.—Decomposition.

Salvage.

The following salvage was collected and disposed of by the Council and Voluntary Organisations.

Articles.	Tons.	cwts.	lbs.	£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	393	10	59	2,055	16	5
Scrap iron and tin	472	7	29	311	4	10
Brass, copper, lead, etc.	5	13	90	138	10	6
Rags	21	0	10	345	0	4
Bones	13	1	0	40	15	9
Jars and bottles	11	0	0	42	0	2
Glass Cullett	21	16	0	14	3	5
Kitchen Waste	23	16	0	23	16	0
Rubber	24	17	6	38	15	1
Total	987	1	82	3,010	2	6

The Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and Other Diseases.

During the year measles and whooping cough have continued in epidemic form, measles on a reduced scale, 213 cases of measles and 135 cases of whooping cough being notified.

There has been no other epidemic.

Diphtheria. Three cases were notified, one an adult, two children, both laryngeal, neither had been immunised. All recovered.

Scarlet Fever. 26 cases, all recovered.

Cerebo-Spinal-Meningitis. 2 cases, both recovered.

Acute Polio-Myelitis. 2 cases, one death.

Pneumonia. 40 cases, 17 deaths.

Artificial Immunisation against Diphtheria.

1,130 children have been treated at School Clinics and Infant Welfare Centres. There is still a poor response, particularly in children under 5 years of age.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year 1942.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	26	20	—
Diphtheria	3	2	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	3	—	—
Erysipelas	8	5	—
Pneumonia	40	—	17
Anterior Poliomyelitis ...	2	2	1
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ...	2	2	—
Totals	84	31	18

Emergency Hospital Accommodation.

Langley House, Totton—Infectious Diseases—21 beds.

Setley House, Brockenhurst—Minor Infectious Diseases—24 beds.

Bench View, Lyndhurst—Sick Bay. Sleeping accommodation for 40 children.

Considerable use has been made of all premises.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1942.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
0—	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—	1	—	2	2	1	—	—	—
15—	3	3	1	—	1	3	—	—
25—	5	3	—	1	4	2	—	—
35—	4	1	1	—	2	1	—	—
45—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
55—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and upwards ...	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Totals ...	16	8	4	3	11	7	—	1

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. HABGOOD,

Medical Officer of Health.